production of crude oil, besides efforts towards demand management and the measures taken for conservation of petroleum products:

—Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced: production.

—Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

—Induction $_0$f advanced technology.

Performance of different State Electricity Boards

2842. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) the State-wise comparative deteifc of plant load factor, quantum of electricity generated/distributed and also of the consumption of major inputs like coal/oil in rupee per unit in electricity generation during each of the last tlhree years and so far in the current year;

lb) whether there is substantial difference in the performance of Different State Electricity Boards, if so, what are the reasons therefor in each case; and

(c) the steps taken by State Electricity Boards having poor performance and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The required information is given in Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 159].

(b) The performance of different Electricity Boards in respect of gene ration generally depends on various factors such as quality of coal, system load management, operation and main tenance practices, adequately trained operation and maintenance personnel, spares management, industrial rela* tions etc.

(c) Some of the measures taken to improve the performance of State Electricity Boards are: —

(i) Directions have been issued to State Electricity Boards far capitalisation of interest during, construction (IDC"), as provided in the Electricity (Supply) Annual Accounts Rules, 1985.

(ii) State Governments have been requested to provide equity support to State Electricity Boards to make them financially viable.

(iiii) State Governments are being advised to release rural electrification, subsidies to SEBs regularly and[1] adequately.

(iv) A Centrally sponsored Scheme for Renovation and Modernisation of thermal power stations has been introduced^

(v) Theft of power has been made a cognizable offence with stringent punishment for the commitment as well as abetment of the offence.

(vi) Introduction $_0$f ^{a}n Incentive Scheme for reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

(vii) Training of engineers and operation and maintenance personnel of power stations.

(viii) Provision of equity support by State Governments.

Development of coal resources in Andhra Pradesh

2843. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) wthether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the development of coal resources in Andhra Pradesh during 1S89-90; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof! and what steps have been taken by Government so far or proposed to be taken in this regard?